

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
OCTOBER 3, 1956

This regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi held beginning at 8:00 o'clock of Wednesday, October 3, 1956; Councilmen Fuller, Hughes, Katzakian, Robinson and Mitchell (Mayor) present; none absent.

PUBLIC HEARING

ANNEXATION
HOUSTON ADD.

This being the time and place set for the hearing of protests to the annexation of the Houston Addition, Mayor Mitchell asked for such protests to be offered to the City Council. There being no protests offered, the City Clerk explained that the petition had contained a request for industrial zoning and had been approved by the City Planning Commission. Councilman Hughes and Councilman Robinson expressed themselves as being in favor with this type of annexation and development. Ordinance No. 570, approving the annexation of Houston Addition and zoning it in the M Industrial District, was then introduced on the motion of Councilman Katzakian, Fuller second. Councilman Robinson also suggested that the City Engineer give serious study to a provision for utilities east of the proposed Highway 99 by-pass.

ORDINANCE NO. 570
INTRODUCED

PLANNING COMMISSION

REPORTS OF ZONING
COMMISSION

The Council heard the following report from the Zoning Committee of the City Planning Commission:

- (1) A use permit was granted to the Richfield Oil Corporation for a sign at the northwest corner of Ham Lane and West Lockeford Street.
- (2) Denied a request by Maurice Ray, Sr. to encroach into a required front yard at the southeast corner of Gerard and Holly Drive.

ORANGE AVENUE
ABANDONMENT

The Council received a recommendation for the abandonment of Orange Avenue lying north of Sylvia Drive in Crescent Manor No. 2. This portion of Orange Avenue lies wholly in the property owned by the Hilborn-Fairmont Holding Company, which plans to construct a church on this property. Resolution of Intention No. 1974, declaring the intention of the City Council to abandon this portion of ~~North~~ Orange Avenue and setting a public hearing on the question for November 7th, was adopted on the motion of Councilman Katzakian.

RES. OF INT. NO.
1974 ADOPTED

MAJOR STREET PLAN

A major street plan was recommended to the City Council by the Planning Commission. It was explained that this plan was based generally upon the Master Plan with the exception that Tokay, Fairmont and West Lockeford Streets were listed on the plan as major streets on a temporary basis. At such time as the Master Plan streets are developed and approved, these streets would then become major streets. Councilman

Fuller stated he felt time should be given for each councilman to become familiar with the plan and he therefore moved, Robinson second, that action on the major street plan be deferred until November 7, 1956. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

EMERSON SCHOOL TURFING

The Council heard a recommendation from the City Planning Commission that the property formerly occupied by the Emerson School be turfed as an interim measure pending a final decision for its ultimate use. The City Manager stated that he had received an estimate of \$4,585 for the turfing of the entire area. At the suggestion of the Mayor the matter was held over to a future meeting.

DIAGONAL PARKING

A request that diagonal parking be dispensed with on Elm Street and on Stockton Street also was deferred until action could be taken on the major street plan.

COMMUNICATIONS

FIRST CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING CONFERENCE

A letter from the City of Modesto announcing the First Central Valley Regional Planning Conference to be held on October 5th in that City and inviting the City Council and its staff to attend.

SWIMMING POOL

A recommendation from the Recreation Commission that the firm of Ernst and Lloyd, architects, be selected to design the swimming pool for the City. Councilman Robinson stated he understood that the plans to be developed by the architects would belong to the City when completed and the City could use these plans in the construction of future pools. He then moved that the firm of Ernst and Lloyd be retained by the City, but that the agreement entered into by the City with this firm stipulate that the City would be free to use the plans for future swimming pools. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

JUVENILE OFFICERS ASSOC. MEETING

A letter from Juvenile Officer Russell French inviting the Council to the seventh annual joint meeting of the Northern California and Central Valley Juvenile Officers Associations to be held at the Hotel Lodi at 8:00 p.m. November 13, 1956.

ONE-WAY ALLEYS

Letter from M. Newfield and Sons stating that as a result of the recent action of the City Council concerning parking in alleys, they have found themselves inconvenienced and often in violation of the new ordinance. It is necessary for them to use service cars for delivery and it is necessary for them at times to park their service cars in the alley. He asked if some amendment might be devised which would permit commercial or service parking on one side of the alley when specifically marked. This would ease their situation and would be reasonably consistent with good regulation of traffic in alleys. Councilman Fuller felt that it was a very fair request. He said problems to other merchants had been created by the Council's

recent action prohibiting parking in the alleys. Councilman Katzakian stated that something should be done to relieve the problem. Councilman Robinson stated that he could not see why the City Council should provide parking for the merchants. He said it would be giving the merchants preferential service and treatment. The Council agreed that the matter be turned over to the City Manager to explore the problem and offer an alternative solution at a future meeting.

EXPANDING PARKING METERS AREA

Mayor Mitchell asked what action would be necessary to extend parking meters into areas which are presently unmetered. He stated he felt consideration should be given specifically to meters on School Street between Walnut and Lodi Avenue. On the motion of Councilman Hughes, Katzakian second, the Council voted to instruct the City Manager to make the necessary arrangements for a parking meter survey.

CITY OF OAKDALE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

The City Council heard a letter from the Mayor of Oakdale inviting the Council to help celebrate the 50th anniversary of the City of Oakdale on October 13, 1956.

ABC LICENSE

Application for transfer of Alcoholic Beverage License, for Off-sale General to Joseph and Lillian Thrailkill, Happy Times Liquor, 115 N. Cherokee Lane.

MEETING OF LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES POSTPONED

A letter from Mayor Marks, President of the Central Valley Division, League of California Cities, stating that the regular meeting of the Central Valley Division of the League of California Cities formerly scheduled for October 25 had been postponed until the next regular meeting in January at the suggestion of member cities. It was explained that October 25 was just three days in advance of the Annual Conference of the League in Los Angeles.

S.P. STEAM LOCOMOTIVE

A letter from the Southern Pacific Company stating that they had received the request from Lodi for a retired steam locomotive. They regret that they have none available at this time but will keep Lodi's request in mind until such time they might have one available.

REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

ANIMAL SHELTER B

Mr. Weller reported that he had received one bid for the construction of the small animal shelter. The bid was from Mr. L. P. Singer in the amount of \$ 27,509. He reported that the amount of this bid exceeded the estimate of the City by a considerable amount, and while he felt that the City's estimate of \$18,000 could more realistically have been \$20,000, he did feel that the bid of \$27,000 was too high. He suggested that the bid be rejected and that the City Engineer be permitted to continue study of the pound plans and resubmit the matter to the Council at a future date. He explained that he hoped savings could be

made in the construction without significantly reducing the facilities. On the motion of Councilman Katzakian, Robinson second, the Council voted to reject the bid of Mr. Singer and offer the plans to the City Engineer for study and resubmission.

WELL DRILLING
CONTRACT

Mr. Weller reported that he had received a memorandum from the Superintendent of Utilities stating that drilling operations for the new well in the northwest section of the City were under way and the indications are that it would be a good well; however, the Superintendent of Utilities pointed out that drilling operations were delayed due to confliction with harvesting of the corn and grape crops. He therefore requested that the contract be extended. On the motion of Councilman Hughes, Fuller second, the Council voted to grant a 60-day extension of the contract.

RECREATION, FIRE
AND LIBRARY
MEETINGS

Mayor Mitchell suggested to the City Council that they meet with the Recreation Commission on Wednesday, October 10th, for the purpose of discussing park sites and their development. He also suggested that the date of October 15th be set for meeting with the Fire Chief for discussion of the Fire Department's capital outlay projects. It was further suggested that a meeting with the Library Board be held on November 14 th. These dates were agreed upon by the Council.

SPEED CHECK
S. HUTCHINS ST.

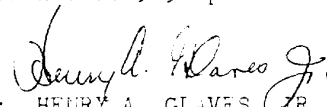
Mr. Weller reported that a speed check had been made for traffic on South Hutchins Street by the Police Department and indicated that traffic on the corner of Tamarack and South Hutchins showed that the majority of the automobiles were reducing their speed at this point. He agreed with the suggestion from the Mayor that a flashing signal north and south of this intersection could afford more security to the school crossing. The Council then moved to authorize the Mayor and the City Manager to investigate the possibility of installing flashing signals for the intersection of Tamarack and Hutchins Street.

SPEED LIMIT
S. HUTCHINS ST.

The Council then discussed the advisability of reducing the speed limit on South Hutchins Street. It was generally felt that the present speed limit of 35 miles an hour should be reduced to 25 miles an hour on the basis that the amount of traffic had increased, as well as the amount of development on the west side of the street. Councilman Katzakian then moved, Fuller second, that Ordinance No. 571, establishing the speed limit of 25 miles an hour on South Hutchins Street from Lodi Avenue to Kettleman Lane, be introduced. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

ORD. NO. 571
INTRODUCED

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m. on the order of the Mayor

ATTEST:  HENRY A. GLAVES, JR.
City Clerk